

ROTH IS A FRAUD

He Claimed to Represent the
G. R. Furniture Co.

AND DID UP REDWOOD FALLS

His Checks Are Cashed and Turned Out
to Be Forgery—None of the
Company Know Him.

Who is A. L. Roth? Where is he at? These are two questions that Redwood Falls and the Grand Rapids Furniture company yearn to have answered.

The following dispatch sent to THE HERALD last night by the Minneapolis Tribune explains the cause for the interest taken in Mr. Roth:

REDWOOD FALLS, Minn., Dec. 9.—A. L. Roth came here about November 1 and arranged to buy Geo. W. Neill's furniture store. He was a high roller and made friends rapidly. He got drafts and checks amounting to several hundred dollars cashed by the people of this vicinity. Some of the checks were signed by the Grand Rapids Furniture company. He went to Minneapolis to buy furniture and never came back. Roth represented himself as representative of the Grand Rapids Furniture company of Grand Rapids, Minn.

They Don't Know Him.

Jacob E. More, president of the Grand Rapids Furniture company, was seen by a reporter for THE HERALD and said: "I do not know A. L. Roth. No such man works for us or ever did. Two days ago the manager of Bradstreet's called me up and asked if we had a representative at Minneapolis or Redwood Falls. I told him we did not and suggested that the man he meant might possibly work for the Grand Rapids School Furniture company. Mistakes of that kind are often made. We receive letters, orders and checks every day that belong to the School Furniture company. I remember now that the man's name was given as Roth, but I didn't think any more about the matter, as I supposed the customary mistake in the firm's name had been made."

L. C. Stow, secretary of the company, made practically the same statement. Representatives of the Grand Rapids School Furniture company were seen, but they never heard of such a man as A. L. Roth. It was impossible to find a furniture man in the city that ever did hear of him. It is believed that he is a clever swindler.

BROKE HIS NECK.

Thomas McGee, a Farmer, Meets a Shocking Death.

Thomas McGee, a farmer, living about three miles west of Kinney station, was thrown from his wagon about one-half mile this side of Kinney yesterday afternoon and his neck broken. Death was probably instantaneous, although it is not known just what time the accident occurred. The body was found in the road about half-past five by Arthur Averill's hired man, whose horses refused to pass it. McGee was on his way home from Grand Rapids where he had been with a load of pork. He had evidently stopped his team and was standing in the wagon when the team started up, throwing him out. Coroner Bradish was called and the body was taken to the home of Mrs. Wheeler, McGee's sister, with whom he resided. McGee was 52 years old, and for a long time was an engineer on the Michigan Central, running out of Grand Rapids. Later he was employed as engineer at the Harrison wagon works, and had moved to Kinney about a year ago. Coroner Bradish decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

IT IS NOW COMMON TALK.

That a Big Railroad Deal Is Being Negotiated.

A Chicago dispatch of yesterday tends to confirm the recent rumors of a proposed deal between the C. & W. M. and Lake Erie & Western roads. It says that the deal is nearly consummated for the purchase of the C. & W. M., and that it all depends upon the report to be made by General Manager Bradish of the L. E. & W.

It is probable that, if the purchase is made, the C. & W. M. will be extended from Petoskey northward to connect with the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic in the upper peninsula, which road the L. E. & W. owners are largely interested in, and which now sends much of its freight eastward over the Michigan Central. According to the Detroit Journal, Captain Gavett rather let the cat out of the bag yesterday by admitting that "he knew nothing about the matter further than that negotiations had been pending for some time."

WILL ASK FOR PAY.

Morley Village Will Be Requested to Settle Up.

The question of an engine house in the east part of the city was a subject discussed by the fire commissioners before the meeting was called to order yesterday afternoon. It was the opinion of Commissioners Bender and Withey that the city would not be in need of another engine house in ten years. Commissioner Lettger thought it would be a good idea to buy a site for a house as property in the east end was rapidly developing and increasing in value. Someone had suggested the idea of buying the old Boulevard barn on Cherry street and remodeling it for an engine house. Mr. Withey said they wanted nothing to do with any more old buildings.

When the board came to order Mr. Lemoine reported that the new La

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France engine would be shipped next week. He reported that in removing a wheel from an old horse cart the men had found the axle broken. Had the men attempted to respond to a call of fire, the break might have caused a serious accident.

There was some talk of sending a bill to the village of Morley for services rendered at the late fire. Investigation has shown that the village was not in danger, but that the mill of Higby & Hugg was the only property damaged. The village present called for the department and it was considered that the village should pay for the services.

Patrolman Welsh was granted leave of absence until Jan. 6. The resignation of J. H. Johnson was accepted. Samuel McNitt, J. O. Bostolice and J. A. Myers applied for positions on the police force. The following bills were allowed: Police department, pay roll, \$3,161.58; secretary's disbursements, \$28.12; George W. Miller & Co., \$43.40; Haddick & Holt, \$3; Union Elevator Co., \$10; Kreskamp Bros., \$3.83; A. Preusser, \$11.85; F. W. Emmer, \$1; Spring & Co., \$5.25; B. F. McReynolds, one half salary, \$50; Fire department pay roll, \$5,353.54; secretary's disbursements, \$156.54; George S. Hutchinson, \$12.70; Peninsula Electric Company, \$6.90; Ed. Strussman, \$23.30; Harleline Perkins \$13.44; U. S. Springer, \$33.33; H. Gezon, \$39.23; B. F. McReynolds, one half salary, \$50; William Brummel & Sons, \$9.50; Compton Furniture Company, \$18; Kansas City Fire Department Supply Company, \$67.60; E. S. Clements, \$101.23.

The committee on finance reported on the bill of Superintendent Eastman and Lieutenant Hurley for the expense of carrying the Burroughs suit to the supreme court, recommending the payment of the account. A communication explaining the reason why the city should stand the expense of the suit was submitted to the council and will be addressed next Monday night.

On motion of Commissioner Bender a bill of \$100 was ordered presented to the village of Morley. The board then went into executive session to consider matters of discipline.

ARRANGING TURF MEETS.

Latest Plans Contemplated for Next Summer's Races.

Don J. Leathers and Francis Lilley represented the Grand Rapids Horsemen's association at the meeting of the southwestern circuit held in Chicago Thursday. Grand Rapids will offer \$25,000 in purses. The dates for the summer meeting are the same as those of last year, August 7 to 12 inclusive. The prizes will be only half as large as those offered last year, but every horseman in the city believes that just as good horses will attend, just as lively races will be trotted, and the meeting will be in every way equal to that of last year.

The smaller purses will enable the association to come out of a meeting with a balance on the right side. The details of the meeting will be discussed at the annual meeting of the association, which will be held December 17.

City News in Brief.

Secretary Roberts of the Michigan World's Fair commission has received a circular from the art jury, which established in Detroit, to use upon works of art which it is desired should be exhibited in the fair. Mr. Roberts has blanks to be filled out, and those who contemplate exhibiting pictures can get the blanks by applying for them at his office in the court house.

The Iowa house of correction furniture plant is again showing a loss of from \$500 to \$800 per month. The state board charge it to bad management of Cochrane & Miller, who buy the furniture, while the latter blame it to the management. John Widdicombe of this city and B. S. Barnes of Adrian are appointed as arbitrators of the dispute.

Charles D. Fortier, engineer for C. C. Comstock, is afflicted with a singular swelling of the throat, which well nigh caused his death Thursday night. Dr. Best lanced his tongue on the under side and he now seems out of danger.

The attendance at the Art association exhibit for the past two days has been very good indeed. Much interest has been awakened by the exceptional display. It was decided yesterday to continue the exhibit until next Friday.

The first term concert of the Western Michigan college was given in Chapel hall last evening. It consisted of vocal and instrumental music by a dozen of the pupils of the conservatory instructors.

Lieutenant Hurley of the police force, who is laid up with a broken leg, is doing nicely and the worst part of his illness is over, although it will be some time before he is able to be on duty.

The Santa Fe route has placed a new fast train in service called the Chicago-California limited. It leaves Chicago at 10 p. m., arriving at San Diego at 12:35 p. m. the day following.

Several cases of plate glass were cleared of duty in the custom house yesterday. They were consigned to the Hastings Furniture company.

The Christmas number of The Review will not be issued until next Tuesday, owing to delays in the illustrations.

Superintendent of the Poor Lankaster took Peter Brauder to the asylum yesterday.

The first quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. Zion church will be held tomorrow.

Post E. Knights of the Grip, will meet at the Norton again tonight.

The Art association exhibition will remain open a few days next week.

Amateur photographers are taking steps to organize a club.

Best hats in Pennell's store for \$4.00 Saturday.

Mr. Dickinson Is in Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Dickinson of Detroit arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Haseltine. During the afternoon Mr. Dickinson was a guest at the Peninsula club for a short time. This evening from 8 to 10 a reception will be tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson at the Haseltine residence. It will be strictly a society event. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas will assist in receiving the guests. Mrs. Douglas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haseltine, and a returning from her wedding trip. The plan to tender a grand banquet to Mr. Dickinson was abandoned at his request.

New Odd Fellow Officers.

The following are the newly elected officers of Grand Rapids lodge, I. O. O. F. N. G., H. A. Newton; V. G., M. G. Huntley; R. S. G. Alex. Robb; treasurer, R. W. Merritt; D. G. M., O. J. Wilder; trustees, R. W. Merritt.

Laborers Sue for Wages.

John Dunham, A. T. Stone, A. M. Dunham, A. J. Osborn, George Henderson, J. J. Peck and Elijah Williams, employed on the Sherman street grade, began suit yesterday against Ken A. Hogendyk and their bondsmen, contractors on the Sherman street im-

provement. These men hired to work for a sub-contractor, Frank D. Peck. They claim Peck has not paid them, and they now sue the main contractors and their bondsmen for the amount of their claims, aggregating \$514.39.

WAS A VILLAINOUS WOMAN.

Prof. Demmon's Opinion of Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth.

A smaller audience than usual greeted Prof. Demmon last night. No doubt the icy walks tended much to keep people from the University Extension lecture rather than a lack of interest in the tragedy Macbeth. The lecture was prefaced by a reading of the romantic tragedy. He said there was no doubt the text of the play was a playhouse text and that there were not thirty lines of the play remaining as Shakespeare wrote it. The play was produced six years after the death of Shakespeare. The Hecate scenes are thought to be interpolations. There do not have the same style of Shakespeare.

In studying the characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth it was necessary to know that the play was somewhat fragmentary. The keynote of the tragedy was sound in the opinion of the critics who claim Lady Macbeth as the heroine of the play, base their arguments. He read passages to show the character of Macbeth as compared with Lady Macbeth. He thought the tendencies of our age are not to attribute to women the same criminality as that attributed to men. The play had been translated into nearly every language and is considered one of the greatest tragedies ever produced. The next lecture will be on "The Merchant of Venice."

FOR A ROAD DEPARTMENT.

A Petition to Be Sent to Congress for Better Roads.

The following petition was received by E. G. Studley for circulation in this vicinity. It is to be presumed that it will have numerous signers in this city and county, as the urgency of the case is well understood.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, hereby most respectfully petition that there be founded in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, a road department, similar to the agricultural department, for the purpose of promoting knowledge in the art of constructing and maintaining roads, and we ask that in such department provision be made for teaching students so that they may be skilled road engineers.

In connection with this road department, we request that there be established a permanent exhibit in which shall be shown sections of roads illustrating various methods of construction and also the best road materials and machinery.

We further petition that congress appropriate funds sufficient to erect a building at the World's Columbian exposition for the purpose of a comprehensive road exhibit.

CENSURED THE CONTRACTORS.

The Board of Public Works Friday Meeting.

The contractors on the Lyon street improvement were called down hard yesterday afternoon by the board of public works. Rens and Vanderveen have had the work of grading and graveling Lyon street, from Division to Barclay street, under contract for some months. The work should have been completed a long time ago. When the board met yesterday afternoon the contractors were called in on the carpet and were given to understand that the work must be finished at once.

General Superintendent Davis said the walks were up a foot too high in places and it was the work of the contractors to grade it down. He was of the opinion that the board should not settle with the contractors until next spring, when the walks may be taken up and the contractor can do the necessary grading. The board voted accepting the work. There are several sewers which are practically completed, the work of which was accepted.

JURORS WILL DECIDE IT.

Judge Adair Will Not Order the Leonard Verdict.

The argument of Attorney McGarry for a verdict to be ordered by the court occupied the morning session at the Leonard trial yesterday and was continued in the afternoon. Mr. McGarry quoted from numerous law books frequently in the course of his argument. At its close the motion was denied, and after an exception was noted the arguments upon the case began.

Mr. Wandy opened for the petitioners at 3 o'clock and spoke for two hours, when he was adjourned. He spoke largely of the character and integrity of Judge Perkins and the enviable personnel of the Michigan Trust company, and impressed it upon the jurors as their duty not to consider the side issues that have been opened up during the trial.

John C. Clark's Accident.

At 6:45 last evening John C. Clark, a man 86 years old residing at No. 201 Ransom street, fell down on the slippery sidewalk near the corner of Crescent avenue and Boston street and broke his right leg at the thigh. Two men who were near by notified the police, and the ambulance officers found Mr. Clark lying on the sidewalk. They took him to the U. S. A. hospital where Dr. Griswold attended him. He was resting tolerably easy last night, although the injury to one of his legs will be serious.

Hencoop Burglary.

Henry Adkins was brought to the county jail yesterday by Constable McDonald of Cedar Springs, who had arrested him on a charge of burglary. Adkins was seen at the jail last night by a reporter for THE HERALD. He said that last August George Russell missed about thirty chickens from his roost, and as he claimed to have seen Constable McDonald in the act of purloining the fowls, he had been arrested for them. Adkins says

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that he afterward went up in Montcalm county to work and Harris also left, and so far has been able to escape the law.

A few days ago Adkins returned to Cedar Springs, where he was received with open arms by the authorities. He claims to know nothing about the theft, and says he will prove his innocence at his examination next Tuesday.

Jumped the Track.

Two cars of a G. R. & I. freight train jumped the track near Hobart yesterday morning and tangled themselves up in the right of way. One of the cars was loaded with horses and the animals were shaken up, but none of them were seriously injured. No particular damage was done, but the south bound passenger trains were delayed a couple of hours.

Burns' Club Officers.

The Burns club elected the following officers last night: President, David Forbes; first vice president, John Freir; second vice president, William Miller; treasurer, A. S. Caul; secretary, William Bender; trustee, James Campbell; conductor, C. W. Scott; sentinel, William Howie; committee, J. D. Henderson, William Howie, Allen Zell, Robert Minto, John Caul.

Issued a Pretty Guide.

The Grand Rapids Savings bank has issued a neat and convenient pocket guide containing a vast amount of valuable information concerning the city, its public institutions, etc. Blank pages for memoranda are inserted between pages of prettily displayed advertisements calling attention to the advantages secured by patronage of the institution.

Renewed Its Energy.

The Grand Rapids Sick Benefit association held a large meeting in a hall at the corner of West Bridge and Scribner streets last night. The association has been in existence for about one year, but the meetings have been poorly attended. The meeting last night was held to enliven interest.

Dr. S. Clay Todd and Nicaragua.

When Dr. S. Clay Todd was in New Orleans last week he attended the Nicaragua Canal convention, which was being held in that city, and had the pleasure of taking by the hand the originator of the Nicaragua canal bill in the United States congress, namely, Senator Morgan of Alabama. The senator is regarded as one of the brainiest men in the country. Dr. Todd brought back with him a beautiful panoramic view of the Nicaragua canal and has it in his office. All who feel interested are invited to call and see it.

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